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#### **CHAPTER 2**

#### **Civil Infractions**

# 2.6 Right-of-Way or Failure to Yield

#### B. Right-of-Way or Failure to Yield Violations

Effective August 15, 2006, 2006 PA 339 amended MCL 257.612 to require drivers to yield the right-of-way to bicyclists lawfully within an intersection or adjacent crosswalk. Replace the fourth bullet point from the bottom of the list on page 56 with the following text:

• failing to yield to pedestrians or bicyclists, MCL 257.612;

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#### 2.9 Stop and Go, Signs and Signals

#### **B.** Traffic Lights or Signals

#### 1. Solid Green

Effective August 15, 2006, 2006 PA 339 amended MCL 257.612 to require drivers to yield the right-of-way to bicyclists lawfully within an intersection or adjacent crosswalk. On page 75, replace the first paragraph with the following text:

"[P]roceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at that place prohibits either turn. . . . [Y]ield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians and bicyclists lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time the signal is exhibited." MCL 257.612(1)(a).

#### 3. Solid Red

Effective August 15, 2006, 2006 PA 339 amended MCL 257.612 to require drivers to yield the right-of-way to bicyclists lawfully within an intersection or adjacent crosswalk. Replace the two bullets at the bottom of page 75 and continuing on the top of page 76 with the following text:

- Right turn on solid red: After stopping, the driver may make a right turn from any one-way or two-way street into a two-way street or into a one-way street carrying traffic in the direction of the right turn, unless otherwise prohibited, and yielding the right-of-way to other vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists lawfully using the intersection. MCL 257.612(1)(c)(ii).
- Left turn on solid red: After stopping, the driver may make a left turn from any one-way or two-way street into a one-way street carrying traffic in the direction of the left turn, unless otherwise prohibited, and yielding the right-of-way to other vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists lawfully using the intersection. MCL 257.612(1)(c)(ii).

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#### 6. Red and Yellow Arrows

Effective August 15, 2006, 2006 PA 339 amended the language of MCL 257.612. On page 76, replace the only paragraph in this sub-subsection with the following text:

"Red arrow and yellow arrow indications have the same meaning as the corresponding circular indications, except that they apply only to vehicle operators intending to make the movement indicated by the arrow." MCL 257.612(1).

#### **CHAPTER 3**

## **Misdemeanor Traffic Offenses**

# Part E—Other Misdemeanors Found in the Motor Vehicle Code

# 3.41 Failing to Yield to Handicapped Individual

#### A. Statute

Effective August 15, 2006, 2006 PA 339 amended the language of MCL 257.612. On page 150, replace the text of this subsection with the following text:

MCL 257.612(4) states:

"A vehicle operator who approaches a person using a wheelchair or a device to aid the person to walk at a crosswalk or any other pedestrian crossing shall take necessary precautions to avoid accident or injury to the person using the wheelchair or device. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor."